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Applicant	:	Ronald D. Russo
Appl. No.	:	10/058,540
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Title	:	SUCTION SYSTEM WITH HIGH EFFICIENCY SUCTION CONTROL VALVE
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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

AMENDMENT

In response to the formalities letter dated March 5, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please remove the Abstract from Page 1, that is, cancel lines 5 through 12 in their entirety.

[Abstract

An improved trachea suction system includes a suction catheter with a high efficiency suction control valve providing unobstructed fluid flow in its activated suction applied mode for removal of viscous secretions at a low level of applied input suction through the catheter. The valve also non-restrictve to air flow at the distal tip of the catheter. The valve ideally part of a closed tracheal suction system having a catheter isolator seal with a vortex action catheter cleaning chamber located in front of the isolator seal which takes advantage of the high efficiency characteristics of the suction control valve.]

Please add the following material cancelled from Page 1 above as a separate Page 29 as follows:

--Abstract

An improved trachea suction system includes a suction catheter with a high efficiency suction control valve providing unobstructed fluid flow in its activated suction applied mode for removal of viscous secretions at a low level of applied input suction through the catheter. The valve also non-restrictive to air flow at the distal

tip of the catheter. The valve ideally part of a closed tracheal suction system having a catheter isolator seal with a vortex action catheter cleaning chamber located in front of the isolator seal which takes advantage of the high efficiency characteristics of the suction control valve.--

REMARKS

The above revisions remove the Abstract from Page 1 of the Specification and place such on a separate page thereof.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**."

It is submitted that the above clarifies the objection set out in the March 5, 2002 Formalities Letter, and that the application is now formally complete and entitled to the January 28, 2002 filing date.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the specification:

The following "Abstract" has been removed in its entirety from Page 1 and added as a separate Page 29 as follows:

Abstract

An improved trachea suction system includes a suction catheter with a high efficiency suction control valve providing unobstructed fluid flow in its activated suction applied mode for removal of viscous secretions at a low level of applied input suction through the catheter. The valve also [non-restrictve] non-restrictive to air flow at the distal tip of the catheter. The valve ideally part of a closed tracheal suction system having a catheter isolator seal with a vortex action catheter cleaning chamber located in front of the isolator seal which takes advantage of the high efficiency characteristics of the suction control valve.